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SENATE BILL 697

**48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS; PROVIDING CORE CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK  
SUPPORT THROUGH EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY; MAKING AN  
APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 22-13-1.5 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2005,  
Chapter 300, Section 1) is amended to read:

"22-13-1.5. CORE CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK--PURPOSE--  
CURRICULUM.--

A. School districts and charter schools may create  
core curriculum frameworks to provide high quality curricula in  
kindergarten through grade six to prepare students for pre-  
advanced placement and advanced placement coursework in grades  
seven through twelve.

B. The framework shall include:

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1 (1) a curriculum that is aligned with state  
2 academic content and performance standards and that is  
3 challenging, specific as to content and sequential from grade  
4 to grade, similar to a core curriculum sequence;

5 (2) in-depth professional development for  
6 teachers that includes vertical teaming in content areas; and

7 (3) content, materials and instructional  
8 strategies or methodologies that current research demonstrates  
9 are likely to lead to improved student achievement in pre-  
10 advanced placement and advanced placement coursework in grades  
11 seven through twelve.

12 C. The framework may be selected from previously  
13 developed curricula or may be developed by the school district  
14 or charter school.

15 D. A school district or charter school that meets  
16 department eligibility requirements may apply to [~~the~~  
17 ~~department~~] eastern New Mexico university for support of its  
18 core curriculum framework. Applications shall be in the form  
19 prescribed by the [~~department~~] university and shall include the  
20 following information:

- 21 (1) a statement of need;
- 22 (2) goals and expected outcomes of the  
23 framework;
- 24 (3) a detailed description of the curriculum  
25 to be implemented;

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1 (4) a detailed work plan and budget for the  
2 framework;

3 (5) documentation of the research upon which  
4 the anticipated success of the framework is based;

5 (6) a description of any partnership proposed  
6 to implement the framework, supported by letters of commitment  
7 from the partner;

8 (7) an evaluation plan; and

9 (8) any other information that the  
10 [department] university requires.

11 E. The [department] university shall award grants  
12 within ninety days of the deadline for receipt of grant  
13 applications based on a competitive process in response to a  
14 request for proposals.

15 [~~F. The department shall adopt and promulgate~~  
16 ~~rules to implement the provisions of this section.~~]"

17 Section 2. APPROPRIATION.--Four hundred thousand  
18 dollars (\$400,000) is appropriated from the general fund to  
19 the board of regents of eastern New Mexico university for  
20 expenditure in fiscal year 2008 to process core curriculum  
21 framework applications from school districts and charter  
22 schools. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at  
23 the end of fiscal year 2008 shall revert to the general fund.